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For United States Senators:
JOSEPH L. RAWLINS, of Salt Lake.
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JOHN T. CAINE, of Salt Lake.

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SAMUEL R. THURMAN, of Utah.

For Secretary of State:
FISHER S. HARRIS, of Salt Lake.

For Attorney-General:
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For Treasurer:
ALMA GREENWOOD, of Millard.

For Auditor:
GUY C. WILSON, of Sanpete.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction:
KARL G. MAESER, of Utah.

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For Superintendent of Schools:
OSCAR VAN COTT.

For Judges, Third Judicial District:
OGDEN HILES, of Salt Lake.
ANDREW HOWAT, of Salt Lake.
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CITY TICKET.

For Mayor:
FRANCIS ARMSTRONG.

For Recorder:
EDWARD L. SLOAN.

For Treasurer:
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For City Justice:
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RICHARD P. MORRIS,
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W. H. DALE,
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WALTER P. JENNINGS.

FIFTH PRECINCT:
ROBERT MORRIS,
M. E. MULVEY,
GEORGE E. WOOLLEY.

HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH.

It is possible to fool any man once. You might even fool the same man several times, but you cannot fool the same man all the time with the same old trick; if you can, he would be a natural born idiot, and ought to be sent to the home of the feeble-minded.

For the last thirty years the farmer and the laboring man have been buncoed by the Republican demagogues with the shell game of "protection." They have listened to the pious fakir about "home industry," "higher wages," "foreign wages," and "cheaper labor," with their mouths open, like a fool at a circus, until they got the products of the farm reduced to the lowest figure known in half a century, a smash up in all values, high taxes and rents, sheriff's sales, doing business without profit, reduced wages idleness, and a scarcity of money. Who has been protected for the last twenty-five years? No one but the Wall Street speculator and the millionaire. The result of this experiment should be enough to teach the laboring and producing classes, that "protection" is the excuse of the extortioner; the cry of "stop thief," while the poor were being held up and the thieves getting away. Protection is a cheat and a fraud. It has been the means and made it possible, for the formation of trusts, pools, combinations, watered stocks, monopolies, and all the accursed means of the rich to grind the poor still deeper into poverty. It has made thirty thousand millionaires, and thirty million poor people in this country. It is the grinning skeleton of prosperity, a relic of tyranny, and has no more place in this country than polygamy or slavery; and is far more detrimental to the happiness of the people than either. And yet the G. O. P. orators are going over Utah, with this dead carcass of "protection" and "bounties" as their watchword, and attempting to again fool the people, or frighten them into voting away their very bread and life blood. If there is a laboring man or farmer in Utah, who has not had enough of this sort of down grade business, let him still vote the Republican ticket, howl for protection, and shrink before the gaunt clutches of want; and when distressed by hunger, or is sold out by the sheriff, let him fill up on one of Allen's speeches on protection. If, on the other hand, they have had enough of this sort of folly, we say to you, call a

halt, tear down the idols of this miserable fraud, and give the common people a chance to better their condition, and let the millionaires take care of themselves. The toilers of Utah constitute a vast majority of the people, and they can correct the evil condition of affairs, provided they have had enough of this being "fooled."

A CRISIS IN UTAH.

THERE has been no sensation in the political arena in the history of Utah that equalled that which has been in the mouth of everyone for the past ten days. Nothing could have been more unlooked for or unexpected. We refer, of course, to the stand taken by the priesthood of the Mormon Church in reference to the rights and duties of its members in secular or political affairs. Much has been said by the press and the leading men of this city, some of which we approve and some we disapprove.

That a crisis has suddenly arisen in the affairs of Utah, there can be no doubt. It is a momentous question and deserves calm and firm action.

One of the first questions that confronts not only the people of Utah, but of the whole nation, is, whether Utah is prepared for statehood. Can a community of people as large as this be safely trusted with the power of a sovereign state, when any ecclesiastical body of men can dominate at will over the minds and consciences of a majority of the populace? Such a proposition is so abhorrent and un-American to our mind, that simply to state the question is to suggest the answer. One would almost wonder whether we were in Spain or Asia, or living in Europe in the mediæval age, instead of being in the glorious United States and under the Stars and Stripes in the dawn of the twentieth century. One thing must be settled, and settled now, that is, will the ecclesiastical power and influence be supreme or subordinate to the natural and God-given rights of the American citizen? Will the church "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," or do they seek to invade the temporal world with their priestly authority, and dictate in that sphere to the conscience of men? It is the high prerogative of an American to be a free man, or as near such a condition as can be attained. He must be free to follow any honorable and lawful pursuit, to get wealth, to marry and rear a family, to go and come when he

pleases and entertain such opinions of mind or conscience as he chooses. No church, priest or body of men should dare to trespass upon any of these rights, directly or indirectly. The position of U. S. Senator, a member of Congress, a governor of a State, or even the lowest office in the village precinct, is one of honor and respect, and any American citizen who may be called by the people to fill the same, should feel it his duty as well as his privilege to serve the public to the best of his skill and ability without counsel, permission or dictation from any church or religious organization. No creed or church can exist in this country, and in this age of enlightenment, that would assume to dictate to its members their course in temporal matters. We have outlived such monstrous notions and they can never again be revived upon our shores. Rather than such a condition should receive aid and support in this fruitful valley, we would prefer to remain a territory forever.

The duty of every man and woman in Utah, is to stand firmly for their natural rights. The men who have been so highly honored by their fellow citizens as to be named for an official position, should at once repel the hand of tyranny, and deny the authority of the church to be the keeper of their conscience and show to the eyes of the nation that they are *true Americans*. We have not lost hope in the people of Utah; we believe they will do their patriotic duty in this trying ordeal. And we believe the men who have received the disapproval of the Church officials, will be equal to the task of maintaining their manhood and their duty as American citizens.

The future happiness and prosperity for years to come to the people of Utah depends upon the solution of this all absorbing question. If we are to enter the Union with such a stain upon our escutcheon, we would be under the shadow of superstition and disgrace, and liberty would be a mere mockery, and self-government a sham. If such is our real condition, then let the gloomy banner of ignorance and oppression wave its mantle of disaster over the unborn thousands and happy homes of this beautiful territory, until the struggle is ended, and we as a people "come out of the furnace as tried of the fire."

First Unitarian Church, 44 Main street. Services at 11 o'clock Sunday, a. m. Rev. A. L. Hudson, Pastor. Subject: "The Divine Humanity."